

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 13, and ending at line 22, as follows.

In recent years, digital television ~~broadcast~~ broadcasting using a satellite broadcast or cable broadcast system has been started. Upon implementation of digital ~~broadcast~~, broadcasting, many ~~effects~~ effects, such as improvement of qualities of image and sound data including audio data, increases in the number of kinds and volume of programs exploiting various compression techniques, provision of new services such as an interactive service and the like, advance of the receiving pattern, and the like, are expected.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 4, and ending at line 5, as follows.

Fig. 39 is a view for ~~supplementarily explaining~~ supplemental explanation of a sound image and sound field lateralization;

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 10, and ending at line 13, as follows.

The MPEG 4 standards consist of four major items. Three out of these items are similar to those of Motion picture Experts Group layer 2 (MPEG 2), i.e., visual part, audio part, and system part.